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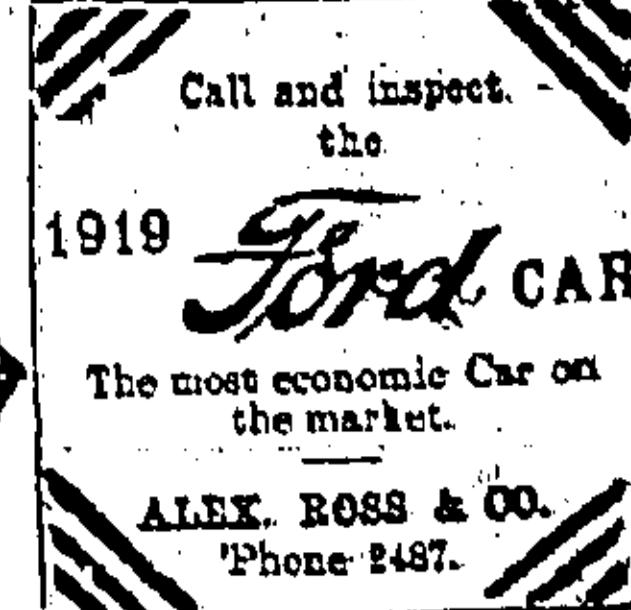
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

OUR AFGHAN WAR.

SIMLA, May 15.
The Afghan commander-in-chief has sent a letter to the Political Agent at Khyber asking for a cessation of hostilities.

SIMLA, May 17.
Reuter's special correspondent at Peshawar says great admiration is expressed for the work of the aeroplanes proceeding daily over unknown and dangerous country where no landing would be possible. The machines go off and often do not return until dusk. They bombed with a military objective Bages and Jallalabad. The Afghan abandonment of Dakka was largely due to four aeroplanes with machine guns. These greatly assisted the troops in recent fighting by machine gunning and dropping bombs on the enemy. As scouts they are invaluable, covering the country in front of the Khyber and passing the Zakhia Kheleb and Motakand countries. Prompt information is given of the arrival of Afghan levies on our flanks and so helping appropriate action that the enemy is reduced to the necessity of doing its movements at night. The roads are deserted and empty by day. The Afghans are afraid to pitch camps, passing the day in widely scattered nooks and crannies of the hilly country. Since dropping bombs of the largest size the military objective at Jallalabad is attained. The bazaars are empty. The wounding by bomb of the Afghan commander impressed them with the fact that aeroplanes can hit individuals. The Amir was advised not to put up an imperial camp. The aeroplanes were used for propaganda, dropping a thousand copies of the Viceroy's proclamation on the Jallalabad road.

SIMLA, May 18.
The panicstruck Afghans abandoned Dakka before our troops approached. Shinwari who had entered the town on purpose to look at sight of our cavalry, leaving the town half sacked. We found a quantity of war material, including 300 cases of ammunition. The inhabitants left their money and jewellery behind. On Thursday after a night march a large Afghan concentration was found on the ridges west of Dakka. They made a faint-hearted attack on Friday but were easily beaten off. On Saturday we attacked the Afghans who, attempting to stand, sustained heavy losses. We captured the ridge. Report says the Afghans attacked our position at Dakka on the 16th and were driven off after heavy fighting. They abstained from further attacks. On the night and morning next following our force at Dakka attacked the Afghans, who occupied difficult ground on the ridge of Skeen. We captured those hills, the staff helping in the fighting. The enemy was estimated at eight battalions, with many guns. It is believed they were augmented by tribesmen. The aeroplanes co-operating bombed Basawal and Jallalabad while our troops on the Khyber cleared the hill south of Ali Musjid. A sniper "badmasher" of Yar Muhammad's gang is causing trouble and annoyance to convoys. One aeroplane reconnoitring was forced to descend in the Bazar Valley. Lieutenants Barker and Hoare, the air men, report they were well treated by the Zakkha Kheleb. The attitude of the Transcind border tribes is satisfactory in spite of efforts by the Afghans to embroil them against us.

COTTON COMMISSION COMING

TO LEARN, NOT TO BARGAIN.

LONDON, May 20.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Sugden, Sir A. Steel-Maitland hoped it would be possible with the co-operation of the cotton industry to arrange for the despatch of a commercial mission, including representatives of the interests concerned, to investigate the eastern markets for cotton piece goods. Any such mission would take account of all questions appertaining to their inquiry but it would not be practicable to authorize it to negotiate agreements on behalf of the Government.

QUESTION ABOUT GERMAN
RANK IN CHINA.

LONDON, May 19.

In the House of Commons, replying to Comm. Bellairs, Mr. Harmsworth stated that the Government had no recent information with regard to the progress made with the liquidation of the Deutsch-Asiatische Bank in China. The British Minister would be telegraphically asked to report on the present position.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

ANGLO-CHINESE CRISIS.

[The first part of this message is missing.]

LONDON, May 20.

There is hardly any limit to the growth of the market for manufactures which China would offer under a better administration and with improved internal communications. The principle of the open door with equal opportunities for all importing nations must be strictly enforced. Britain and the United States had stood honestly together on behalf of that policy and with their cordial co-operation, wherein there was every reason to count, it could be made effective. It was, however, through the League of Nations that the whole problem of reconstruction in China could best be approached. No nobler work could await it than that of helping to save a great and ancient nation from its present strife and possible anarchy. Let us commend this task to the League as one of the most urgent awaiting its action.

Chang Ting Wang said China had supported the League because it fully harmonized with their cherished ideals. Despite its adverse decision with regard to Shantung he still believed the League would right the wrongs of China. The application of Britain's portion of the Boxer indemnity to educational purposes would be tremendously valuable in cementing Anglo-Chinese friendship. China could assist in preventing another world war by making herself strong. Moral force, not physical force, would command China's allegiance. China was proud to see young western nations like Britain and the United States championing her own ancient idealism.

Sir Charles Addis said China's most urgent security was the national security which the League of Nations offered her in a way that could not be found in any other quarter. A great canker in the life of China was military despotism.

Mr. C. A. McCurdy said China's real contribution to the League would be to help supply the foundation of pure morality.

SILVER.

HIGHEST SINCE 1877.

SINGAPORE, May 20.

Montagu's report on May 15 says the removal of the maximum price and the free grant of export licences had a very great and immediate effect on the market. Owing to the absence of a stock of silver from which instant continental demands could be supplied, the price moved at "absolutely unprecedented speed." The quotation of 58 pence on May 10 is the highest on record since January 1877. Subsequently sufficient supplies were forthcoming to meet the demand and caused lower rates. China exchanges have not moved in anything like the same proportion as the value of silver. The quotation to-day equals 5/3 5/16 the tael, excluding the expenses of transmission, compared with the cabled rate of 5/2.

SINGAPORE, May 21.
Silver is quoted 54 to 53 7/8. The market is steady.

AS AIDE-DE-CAMP GENERAL?

LONDON, May 19.
On May 15 the Times said when General C. C. Munro retired it may be assumed that Sir Douglas Haig will have the opportunity of succeeding.

FORGED, OPIUM LABELS.

As a sequel to a recent Police raid at No. 29 Circular Path, when 73 forged Government opium labels were brought to light, Chinese was charged this morning before Mr. R. O. Hutchinson with illicit possession of forged opium labels. Accused pleaded that he had only lately removed to the house in question and was not aware of the presence of the labels in his room. Mr. A. Silve of the Hongkong Printing Press, in the box, informed the Magistrate that those imitations were badly executed.

Sergeant Willis next declared that the labels were found hidden in one of defendant's trunks in the place.

Defendant.—The sergeant told me to bring out the box. I did so, not knowing that the labels were in it.

Fined \$1,000 or six months.

NEW SHIPPING FIRM FOR HONGKONG.

ENTERPRISE OF LOS ANGELES FIRMS.

This morning a China Mail man made the acquaintance of Mr. C. Henriques, manager of the Honolulu office of Messrs. Brownstein-Louis Company of Los Angeles, California. Mr. Henriques is travelling as present for his firm which specializes in "everything for men." Our man saw the samples which Mr. Henriques had laid out and, as regards underwear and every other requisite of mere man, it was there, and what is more they are all useful yet elegant articles of wear.

It seems that Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co. are handling them. Brownstein-Louis Company have no use for the old style of coming along with goods which are of a set pattern which cannot be deviated from. This firm specializes in supplying business men with what they want. If Mr. Henriques hasn't got the right style of article wanted, well, he just takes the particulars and sees you get it. That is their axiom, sell you what you want, cheaply and promptly.

The Brownstein-Louis Company are the biggest firm in their line of business west of the Mississippi. The Honolulu office deals with all Far Eastern trade. In trade with other countries and particularly the Orient, they adapt themselves to existing conditions and make anything their factory can produce. The company find this elimination of "have it or leave it" style works well with traders. They are out for all business that can be done on proper lines and as business should be conducted. They have departments to deal with everything connected with their business and being favourably situated in regards to the Pacific as they are, are able to dispatch orders with greater promptitude than can be done from other American cities.

Messrs. W. G. Humphreys and Co. are the agents for Hongkong and South China and all goods are despatched to them for distribution to customers. Mr. Henriques during this trip has found his business results very satisfactory right through the Orient, and that customers are well satisfied with the class of goods they have had from the Company.

The Brownstein-Louis Company own a most modern factory built of glass and concrete. It has the best sanitary and hygienic principles in vogue which guarantees the good condition of the goods manufactured and exported. The employees are well looked after, being provided with dining and rest rooms and other conveniences on the premises which tend to keep the employees in good health.

The factory itself is equipped with the latest inventions as regards machinery and appliances with the result that perfect work is done by skilled labour and the goods are of the highest standard of quality. Before articles are exported they are submitted to minute examination and the system of inspection ensures that the goods reach the standard on which the firm attained its reputation and its goods their popularity.

THE SHIPPING COMPANY.

Business, especially exports, are increasing in such volume in Los Angeles that merchants there find the shipping difficulties a great handicap. Los Angeles merchants want to give customers their orders with the utmost promptitude. To achieve this they have formed a shipping company. The company is named the "Los Angeles Pacific Navigation Company." With other firms the Brownstein-Louis Company has substantial interests in the shipping venture.

The first steamer of the new company, the West Coast, sailed for the Orient on May 1. Other ships will follow at frequent intervals. The ships of which there will be seven, are built by the Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. They are of 8,800 tons and are insured large freight to Far Eastern ports. They intend to make Hongkong and Manila their chief ports of call. It is the intention of the Shipping Company to open shipping offices at all these places.

The shipping company has been incorporated so as to be able to deal with the products of the countries at which their steamers will call. They hope to do exporting of these products to the Pacific Coast. With reasonable support the company should become a permanent and advantageous business acquisition here and elsewhere. It is not intended to cater for the passenger-carrying trade, at any rate at the start. The officers and crews of their ships will be American and the ships will be under American registry.

With the passing of wartime restrictions there will be more businesses doing and new firms can be expected to make Hongkong a place of business and profit.

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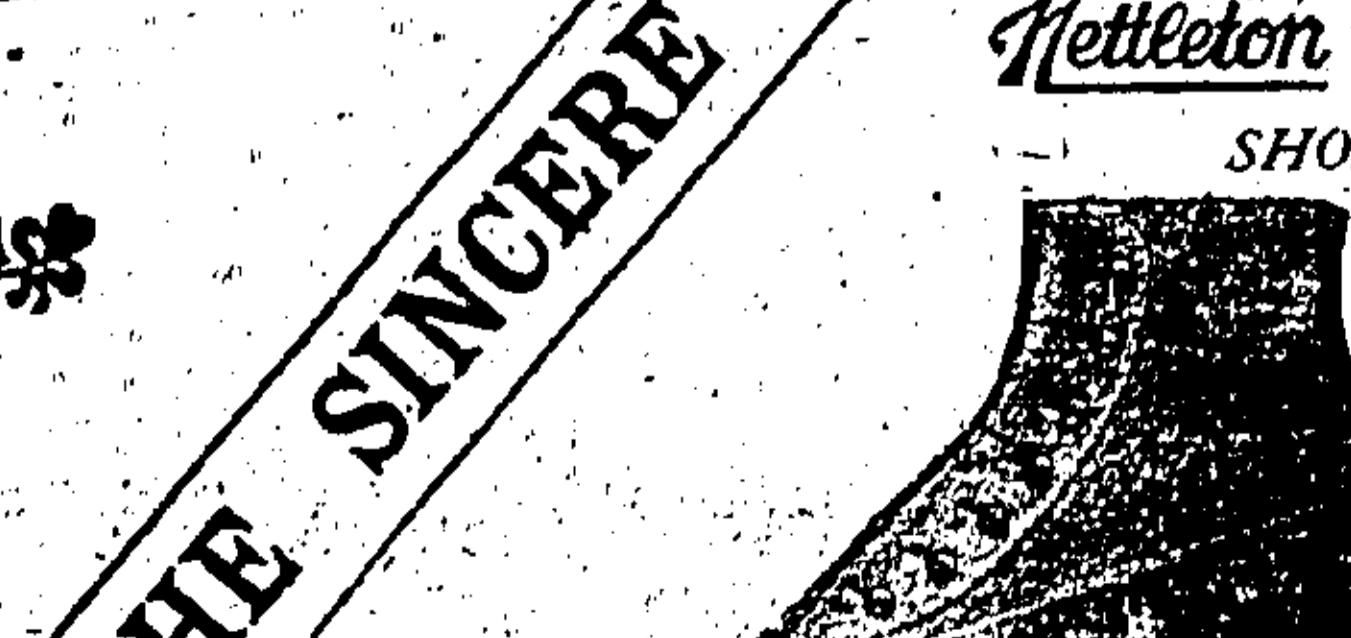
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Kowloon.

The SUNDAY
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
etc., etc., etc.
Including Upholstered Arm-chairs
and Sofa, Pictures, &c.

Large Teakwood Bedstead, Wardrobes
& Dressing Table, &c., Electric Fittings,
Sunblinds and Ice Chest (New).

On view day of sale.

Terms:—Cash.
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Hongkong, May 16, 1919.

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on
FRIDAY,
May 23rd, 1919, at 2.30 p.m.,
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des
Vaux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street.

A Number of Rolls Linoleum (new).
About 400 yards Mosquito Netting.
Several lengths of Sheeting.

A quantity of White Shirting.
Also

Ladies' and Gent's Boots and Shoes.
Clothing, Tennis Balls and
Golf Balls (new).

To be sold without reserve.

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A number of rolls Linoleum
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About 400 yards mosquito netting,
several lengths of sheeting, a quantity
of shirting.

Gent's Boots and Shoes and
Sundry Goods.

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Wagons, Extension Dining Tables and
Chairs, &c., Dinner Services, Crockery,
and good Glass Ware, Cooking Stoves,
Cutlery, &c., Bath Room Utensils,
Electric Plated Ware,

Electric Reading Lamps, Black-
wood, and Teakwood Screens, a
quantity of Blackwood Furniture,
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Paintings, Several Carpets new and
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Hongkong, May 21, 1919.

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DEATH.

MURRAY.—On May 13, at Shang-hai, Irene Agnes Murray, aged twenty-nine years.

The China Mail

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1919.

QUIS CUSTODIET?

The Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements has brought in a Bill dealing with "the cultivation of foodstuffs," and the leading Singapore newspaper lets go considerable editorial annoyance at the word "foodstuffs." Our contemporary is purist in intention, but in performance seems to be handicapped by an insufficiency of savvy. "In order to see how meaningless and unnecessary is the addition of that word 'stuff,'" says the *Straits Times*, "we have only to speak of beer or soda water as 'drinkstuffs'." And in order to see how uncalled for and empty was this criticism, our contemporary has only to drink beer and eat raw rice. Padi is not food until it is cooked. Until then it is foodstuff, whereas beer is a drink (and a good drink too) the moment it is produced. Foodstuffs are cultivated: foods are prepared. An importer of piece goods does not sell clothing; he sells clothing stuffs.

Why notice this particular article, since it is plain we cannot hope to keep the Press of all the world in the strait and narrow path of correctness? Well, partly because the subject is interesting; and mainly because Hongkong seems to have a great many critics as unversed in the fundamentals as this Singapore oracle. We would educate 'em. Besides, it is rather fun.

By way of bolstering its position our contemporary quarrels with some other usages of language. It is strong against the word "Britisher," which it calls "a rank Americanism." We know that the Americans use it, but we conclude from the affix that it is really a Teutonism; which the Americans adopted. Compare Deutscher, Japanischer, etc. All the more reason, the *Straits Times* may answer, why we should taboo it. The correct term, it says, is Briton. Well, but is it? The correct term in all cases is, that which conveys the precise, exact shade of meaning intended; and for most people the word Briton is too

that these words are embodied or incorporated so much as that they are imported, dragged in, intruded. Offensive interlopers, which he objects to incorporate, and against which he would pass an anti-immigration law if he could.

He talks nonsense, of course. English—our beautiful, flexible, rich, comprehensive mother tongue—is what it is because it has taken and adopted whatever it found that was useful, wherever it found it. To us it is a beautiful thought that all the languages of all lands and all times were needed to enrich it. "Foreign-made" words are its "foodstuffs," which it digests, and transmutes into good English. Our Singapore friend must pardon us, but we must ask him to leave this field of instruction alone until he knows more about it. He knows journalese, and "pretty" good journalese, at that, but he doesn't know English. If he knew English, he would not give as a reason for objecting to foreign-made terms that the English language "carries enough of fusian and verbiage as it is." Come now. Let us reason together. Did he ever know any language carry anything else than verbiage?

To use a bit of journalese ourselves, just this once, we submit that in this gratuitous criticism we have provided "food (or at least foodstuff)" for reflection."

JAPANESE PHOTOGRAPHER
FINED.

At the Magistracy, yesterday, C. Hirose, a Japanese, was charged with taking military photographs in contravention of regulations. Defendant admitted taking photographs of Victoria Barracks, but pleaded ignorance of the laws of the Colony. He had asked a soldier and a policeman if he could take the photographs, and they told him that he could take snapshots. Inspector Brazil said the photographs were taken from Seven and Sixpenny Hill, which was looking down Queen's Road and into the Barracks. The C. S. P. was not pressing the charge, and only asked for a nominal penalty. A soldier said he caught defendant in the act of taking photographs and arrested him. The Magistrate: I suppose defendant took the photographs in broad daylight when there were plenty of people about the place? There was no reason for thinking he had any serious intention in view. Notices in Japanese, Chinese and English are posted up all over the Colony stating that photography is absolutely forbidden and ignorance of the law is no excuse. I fine defendant \$10 and confiscate the plates.

While we are not so stupid as to suppose that snapshots of Victoria Barracks taken from Seven and Sixpenny Hill would have much military value, and while we deprecate anything approaching "espionage," we would point out that our Hongkong magistrate showed a good deal more indulgence to Hirose than the Japanese would have shown to a foreigner caught in like circumstances in Japan. Our magistrate supposed that defendant "took the photographs in broad daylight when there were plenty of people about." It is not usual for photographs to be taken in anything other than broad daylight. Does he not know that the smartest lawbreakers are those who operate where crowds are, gambling on the fact that people will reason as our magistrate did, and conclude that what is done in broad daylight must be innocent? In countless cases in Japan where there was "no reason for suspecting serious intentions," tourists have been the victims of tremendous fuss, have had valuable cameras confiscated, and lots of inconvenience and annoyance caused. At Moga seventeen years ago we had a little experience that was amusing and worth while, although it involved the mutilation of a good and harmless sketch book. Pleased with a little promontory clad with bamboo, we started to jot it down, when Junsu San, phrase book in hand, quite politely (for they were less arrogant in those days) warned us that it was "forbidden to remove the landscape." Mr. Hirose now knows, if he didn't know before, that it is forbidden to remove Victoria Barracks. He is short ten dollars and a plate or two, but he has his camera, his liberty, and the sympathetic consideration of the Hongkong Government. He will not be followed about for weeks to come by the police. We hope he may induce his nationals to imitate our more easy-going ways.

MARRIAGE LAW.

On page 2 to-day we have a story headed "Marriage and affinity," which shows that there are still things to do in simplifying our marriage laws and in getting rid of the nonsense of ecclesiastical intolerance. If the Deceased Wife's Sister Act does not permit a woman to marry her deceased husband's brother, as stated, it ought to; and the women voters will probably want to know why this distinction is now being made. It may not be in good taste for a woman to marry her deceased husband's brother. Many old-fashioned people were shocked when our present Queen married her dead fiance's brother. But matters of taste should not be matters of law. That way intolerable

tyrannies loom. The Deceased Wife's Sister Act was passed, after long and persistent obstruction, because commonsense recognized that there was no real "affinity" involved. It is monstrous now to pretend that there is any greater "affinity" in the reverse order of sex, and the women voters are sure to protest. Reasonable men will support them. We are glad that Justice Darling was so severe on this cad who seems to have learned of the legal inconsistency and taken advantage of it to suit his own purposes. It is time out-table of "affinity" was drawn up afresh on scientific lines, and away from its present basis of mere superstitious precedent.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Malay Rubber Planters Company has paid an interim dividend of 10 per cent.

To-day according to the Chinese Calendar is Shiu Mun, (Small Completion) when everything is supposed to grow.

The Treasury has permitted the Amherst Estates (Selangor) Rubber Co. to issue new capital of 10,150 shares at 2s. Od.

"Cyclops, Chingshaw, Aki Maru, Amakusa Maru, Phensiphan, Kashi, Ditiwara, Kuanggang, and Empress of Asia are latest shipping arrivals.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 3s. 7½d.

To-day's return shows four cases of plague, one of small-pox, and three of c. s. fever.

The Singapore Government has fixed the price of certain essential household foodstuffs.

It is said that the Asiatic Petroleum Co. is having three 3,000-ton motor ships built for service between Shanghai, Tientsin and Newchow.

The Kawasaki Dockyard launched a new steamer of 5,800 tons on April 30, named *Chile Maru*, and another freighter of 4,000 tons on May 7.

Haichow S. S. Co. which owns the *Gweneth* and *Mylie*, two Shanghai built steamers, are ordering four more vessels for the salt trade between Haichow and Yangtze ports.

The auxiliary motor schooner *Stasia* which caught fire at Shanghai while en route to France from the United States in December 1918 and consequently had to be scuttled by a gunboat, was recently being towed to Tientsin for repairs.

The wedding of Lieut. G. N. R. Upton to Miss Rose James, on May 10, was the first "War Wedding" in Kobe. The bridegroom, who was in Khaki, was one of the first from Kobe to leave for the front when war broke out, returning after service on many fronts.

Next to the rouble the German mark is the most depreciated currency. At Cologne on March 4 its equivalent value in sterling was 4d. In December the men in the British Army of Occupation received their pay in marks at the exchange of 36 to £1. Since then they have received as many as 53 marks for £1.

The Associated Steamship Companies of Manila, which represents practically all of the local steamship agencies, has been organized for the purpose of co-operating with the Insular Government and with each other in facilitating the handling of cargoes through the wharves and the customs house. The Association will also deal with problems and conditions which may arise in connection with shipping interests.

With an aim to open a Dairen-Vladivostok line, the Dairen K. K. despatched an official to make investigations, and it is reported that the Company finally decided to open the line, and the steamer *Tsusho Maru*, will be put on the service. The steamer left Dairen on April 25 to take coal at Chinwangtao. On the return voyage she will bring edible sea-weeds and North Manchurian Beans. The Dairen-Vladivostok line, which has been suspended during the war, is thus to be re-opened, being suspended during the winter months.

One hundred and fifty pounds of opium were seized by the Shanghai Customs authorities on May 8 board the R.V.F. ss. *Simbirsk*. The opium was found under one of the boilers wrapped up in old clothes. On April 24 about 40 lbs. of opium was seized by Customs officials from some Russians who were landing from the same vessel.

The Chinese Ministry of the Interior is planning to take a census of all the Japanese subjects in Peking and elsewhere throughout the country. The census will not cover Japanese living in their own or in other foreign concessions in China, but is meant to include only those Japanese resident in territory strictly controlled by the Chinese Government.

Preparations are being made for enlarging Yokohama harbour in order to cope with the increased shipping expected after the declaration of peace. The new Customs Quay, with the exception of No. 4 section, is unable to accommodate a 10,000-ton steamer and it is imperative to enlarge the harbour to accommodate larger vessels. The scheme of enlargement will cost £10,000,000.

The *Asahi* says that the work of constructing big tanks for crude petroleum was started by the Japanese Navy on April 1st at Hitonosemura.

It is said that the work is on such a colossal scale that 20 years will be occupied in its completion. It is explained that this gigantic work has been necessitated by the adoption by the Japanese Navy of "the big-warship and big-gun" principle, which is said to have convinced the naval authorities of the necessity of substituting crude petroleum for coal, culminating in the starting of the present gigantic work near Kure.

Totals.—88 Coy. R.G.A. "A" 53 games, 83 Coy. R.G.A. "B" 23 games.

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As you are aware our business is transacted very largely in gold, and in comparing the figures with which we are now dealing with those placed before you at our last Annual Meeting when the gold equivalents were shown for the first time, you will no doubt have directed your attention especially to that currency, the more so, perhaps, as in our next Report, our figures will be presented in gold alone.

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At this Meeting we are dealing with dollar balances. On 1917 Account we have \$3,315, which your Directors recommend be appropriated as follows:

A final dividend to shareholders of \$20 per share on 16,000 shares \$320,000.00

A bonus dividend to shareholders of \$20 per share on 16,000 shares 320,000.00

An addition to the Reinsurance Fund of \$150,000 @ Exchange 3/4-7/16 890,262.75

Addition to the Building Reserve Fund of \$20,000 @ Exchange 3/4-7/16 178,052.55

To Equalisation of Dividend Fund, £50,000 @ Exchange 3/4-7/16 296,754.25

To be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the account for the year 1917 1,310,576.41

\$3,3,5,645.96

I feel confident all shareholders will endorse these recommendations.

Turning to 1918, you will notice that the premium income is greater than that of the previous year, which is satisfactory, especially if you take into consideration the effect of the increased restrictions on exports and imports and the falling of the rates for war risk to a nominal figure upon the cessation of hostilities.

A congestion of values in individual steamers continued, and the increased employment of inferior vessels brought new complications, frequently calling for material reductions in our retained lines.

The percentage of losses on the first year's working shows a gratifying decrease, and we have no reason to believe that the final outcome will compare unfavourably with the preceding year.

The figures for fire and other classes of insurance now transacted by the Society are of course included,

but this branch of our business is in its childhood. Its development is proceeding upon satisfactory lines and your management feel justified in awaiting with confidence its gradual growth to robust maturity.

As in the past we have subscribed varying sums to such charities as your Directors feel you would wish them to support, which action I have no doubt has your approval.

Out of the balance of \$6,239,222.94 we recommend the payment of an Interim Dividend of \$30 per share and a Bonus of 20% to contributors of business on bonus terms.

The increase in our premium income during recent years has been due largely to war risk business, the hazardous nature of which has been emphasised to an exceptional degree.

You will be able to gain some idea of the magnitude and anxiety of our operations when I tell you that we have paid out in actual cash over twenty million dollars on war risk claims alone, and I think it will be agreed that for a Company which has had the courage to do its duty to its constituents and write war risk at the critical times we have just passed through, when a refusal would have spread dismay in shipping and merchant circles, no reward can be too great.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, it will perhaps not be out

COMPANY MEETINGS.

THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF GANTON LTD.

The 46th ordinary yearly meeting of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., was held at the Head Office of the Society, Nos. 3 and 4 Queen's Buildings, at noon to-day. The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell was in the chair and there were also present:—A. O. Lang, Esq., Messrs. Gibb Livingston & Co., W. L. Pattenden, Esq., Messrs. Gilman & Co., J. A. Plummer, Esq., Messrs. Bradley & Co., Ltd., R. Ross Thomson, Esq., Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, C. H. P. Hay, Esq., Deputy General Manager. (Directors).

Messrs. N. J

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COMPANY MEETINGS.

(Continued from Page 4)

Company Limited for a fusion of interests of the two Companies. The details of the procedure to be followed in submitting the Provisional Agreement entered into for the confirmation of Shareholders are still under consideration, and we expect to be able to issue a further Circular at an early date.

The war has created an additional bond of union between the Society and its constituents which we feel will not lightly be severed and we confidently look forward to an even greater increase in the support already afforded.

You are aware, gentlemen, that the Society compares not unfavourably with the largest institutions of its kind in the world, and it must be a source of pride and satisfaction to you, as it is to us, to feel that this enormous machine has been built up from this small though all important outpost of the British Empire and has been controlled from here ever since the Island became a British possession. The success of that control is, I think, well illustrated by the figures which have periodically come before you.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts as circulated, and when this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions shareholders may desire to ask.

The Chairman then proposed that the report and accounts be adopted, Mr. N. J. Stabb seconding the motion said:

Mr. Chairman.—Gentlemen.

It is with very great pleasure that I rise to second the adoption of the Report and Accounts.

It scarcely seems necessary for me to add anything to the very full and interesting statement of the Chairman as the figures speak so eloquently for themselves, but I am sure that every shareholder must be amazed at the record this Society has achieved during these last four years of worldwide upheaval. To have paid away in claims during this period of unparalleled difficulty so large a sum as twenty million dollars and yet be in a stronger financial position than ever before, reflects the greatest credit upon the Directorate, Management and Staff.

As the representative of another great Institution, to which I have the honour to belong, and which also started its life in this Colony, I feel privileged to say that such figures as you have been accustomed to receive for years past are not so easily attained as shareholders are apt to think—they are the result of careful and able management, accompanied by many worries and anxieties, backed up by the whole-hearted co-operation of a loyal staff—without which assistance no concern can be really successful—and I am sure we all thoroughly endorse the payment of the bonus to the Provident Fund and cash bonus to the Staff.

The Management of large and important concerns like this Society bear great responsibilities as they are, so to speak, trustees, not only for the shareholders, but also for the prestige of British enterprise in their particular line. Needless to say, the Union Insurance Society of Canton worthily fulfils its duties in both these directions.

The various subscriptions to Charities to which our Chairman has made reference, will I know meet with universal approval; and I am sure we are only too pleased to give the Directors a perfectly free hand, in such matters.

We now come Gentlemen, to the parting of the ways the Society casts aside silver and enters the field of gold; and to enter it embossed with such reserves is indeed a gratifying augury for the continued prosperity of the Company. The formerly much despised dollar has served shareholders well, as it is now being exchanged for over 42 pence whereas a few years ago many of us would doubtless have been pleased to convert our holdings into sterling at about half that value.

Although we are forsaking the currency of the Colony I trust this will never lead to a transference of the control of the Society elsewhere, as I am convinced that the great success of this Society, and many other local concerns, in no small measure due to the management being in the East, where Eastern questions and necessities are well understood, and can be readily handled by those on the spot. (Applause).

Hongkong may well be proud of its Companies in general and the Union in particular, which has attained such a great position and become one of the leading Insurance Companies of the world.

It is a pleasure to learn that we are not to lose our General Manager yet. His tactful guidance and mature judgment will be more than ever desirable in the next few years. The shareholders owe Mr. Ede a great debt of gratitude for the ability with which he has managed the Society in times of exceptional difficulty—there can have been no more difficult business than that of Marine Insurance during recent years—though perhaps I may be permitted to say Exchange Banking probably ran it very close.

I feel sure I am voicing your opinion when I say we are extremely fortunate in having such a cap-

able man as Mr. Hay to fill Mr. Ede's place, and that he commands our entire confidence.

We learn with much regret, of the retirement of our London Underwriter, Mr. H. C. Saunders, who has been associated with the Society for so many years, and whose ability has in no small measure been responsible for the success attained by the Society. I am sure we all endorse the remarks of the Chairman, "of appreciation of Mr. Saunders' long service, and welcome the news that he has been offered a seat on the London Committee.

Gentlemen, I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the Report and Accounts.

Messrs. A. O. Ling and J. A. Plummer were unanimously re-elected directors of the society for the ensuing year on the proposal of Mr. Orniston seconded by Mr. Barton. The confirmation of Mr. Ross Thompson, to act as a director was carried unanimously, and Messrs. A. R. Lowe and C. Bernard Brown were re-elected Auditors for the ensuing year with a remuneration of \$1000 per annum on the proposal of Mr. Humphreys seconded by Mr. Sinclair.

The meeting terminated with the announcement that Dividend Warrants were ready for issue.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

The 50th ordinary yearly meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., was held at the Head Office of the Company, Nos. 3 and 4 Queen's Buildings, at 12.30 p.m. to-day. Hon. S. H. Dodwell was in the chair and there were also present W. L. Patenden, Esq., Messrs. Gilman & Co., A. O. Lang, Esq., Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co., J. A. Plummer, Esq., Messrs. Bradley & Co., Ltd. (Directors), C. H. P. Hay, Esq., Manager, Messrs. Murray, Mansfield, Hodgson, Cockayne, Bird, d'Cunha, dos Remedios, Alves, Ribeiro, Souza, Gardiner, Donald, Plummer, A. O. Lang, Hay, V. dos Remedios, Ribeiro and M. A. R. Souza.

The Chairman said:—

Gentlemen:—

The Report has been in your hands for some time and I will, therefore, with your permission, follow the usual procedure and take it, as well as the Auditors' Report, as read.

I have first to deal with 1917 account in respect of which we have an available balance of \$452,600.13, which your directors recommend be dealt with as follows:—

Dividend of \$7 and Bonus of \$2 per share on 20,000 shares.....\$180,000.00

To add to Reinsurance Fund \$130,000.00.....130,000.00

To write off Furniture Account.....1,425.00

To carry forward to Underwriting Suspense Account.....141,175.13

\$452,600.13

You will notice that the dividend we recommend is almost equal to our interest which is satisfactory seeing that it enables us to add to our Reserves and increase the value of our Association with the Union Insurance Society of Canton. The wisdom of this Association is again illustrated by the increase in our premium for 1918 by over \$400,000. and the percentage of losses on this year's Account shows a commendable reduction. There are of course many more claims to come in but your Directors feel confident that the final outturn of the year will be in every way satisfactory.

I will now move that the Directors' Report and Statements of Accounts as presented be adopted. After this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions that may be put relating to the business before the Meeting.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Murray and carried unanimously.

Messrs. A. O. Lang and J. A. Plummer were unanimously re-elected directors of the Company for the ensuing year on the proposal of Mr. Mansfield and seconded by Mr. Bird.

Messrs. A. R. Lowe and C. Bernard Brown were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year with a remuneration of \$500, per annum on the proposal of Mr. Hodgson, seconded by Mr. d'Cunha.

The meeting terminated with the announcement that dividend warrants were ready for issue.

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China	Nanking	The Admiral Line	On 14th June.
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Tsingtao	Daitoku Maru	Osaka Shoen Kaisha	On 29th May.
Tsingtao	Hochou	Osaka Shoen Kaisha	On 24th May, at 11 a.m.
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
GERMAN OBJECTIONS.

CORONATION, May 14th.
A telegram from Berlin states that Count von Rintzau informed the German Delegates at Versailles that the Peace Treaty, in its present form, was unacceptable, and could not be signed, because it was impossible to fulfil the terms, and was impossible to fulfil the terms, and because the German Delegation would not intend to fulfil them which they did not intend to fulfil.

The Delegation would endeavour to so improve the Treaty as to make signature possible. He reckoned on the full co-operation of all the members of the Delegation in this connection.

His speech was received with general applause.

MORE PROTESTS.

The Delegation admit that the principle of self-determination can be asserted as regards a number of proposed territorial changes, but protest against the temporary handing over of the Saar Basin, because it is inhabited purely by a German population, resolutely opposed to severance from Germany.

The Delegation protest against the ultimate reversion of this region being dependent on Germany's ability to pay in gold, us, fifteen years hence, it will be impossible for Germany to have the necessary gold at her disposal. Moreover, the Delegation presume that the International Commission, if Germany possessed the necessary gold, will not permit its use for that purpose.

The Delegation recognise that France must be compensated for the destruction of her mines, and suggest, as an alternative, their readiness to negotiate on the basis of supplying German coal from the Saar and Ruhr regions, until the devastated mines have been restored.

As regards the cantons to be given to Belgium, the Delegation declare that no proof can be adduced that those districts are inhabited by a non-German population, and say that the proposed plebiscite has no justification.

EGYPT.

Lord Curzon, in the House of Lords, replying to Lord Curzon, said the situation in Egypt had certainly improved, although it could not yet be described as satisfactory.

Order, generally, had been restored in the provinces, but sporadic disturbances had to be forcibly quelled in some towns, especially in Cairo. Egyptian affairs had been conducted without Native Ministers, since the resignation of the Ministry on April 2nd. The British Government emphatically declared that they did not intend to abandon the responsibilities which they incurred when the task of governing Egypt was placed on their shoulders.

The Government believed the Egyptians should be given an ever-increasing share in the Government of their country, and it was their desire to see Egypt, under British guidance, advance in prosperity and enlightenment, and take its place as a leading Islamic power.

TERMS FOR AUSTRIA.

PARIS, May 15th.
The Council of Four to-day consulted the military advisers regarding the Austrian peace terms, the military conditions of which are similar to those of Germany, providing for the dismantling of all unnecessary arsenals, including that of Skoda, the abolition of conscription, and the limitation of the Austrian army.

The terms, it is expected, will be handed to the Austrians on May 21st.

EDITH CAVELL.

LONDON, May 15th.
Great crowds turned out on this typically fine English summer day, to pay their last tribute of respect to Nurse Cavell. The coffin reached Victoria station from Dover, and was received by the Coldstream Guards. A procession was formed of Coldstream Guards, the bands of the Scots Guards and the Welsh Guards playing the "Dead March." Then the bier having been mounted on a gun-carriage, the *cortege* proceeded along a route, lined by thousands of soldiers, who saluted as the coffin passed.

At Westminster Abbey, where a great and distinguished congregation had assembled, including Queen Alexandra and the Earl of Athlone, representing the King, a moving service was held, concluding with the ringing of drums in growing intensity, followed by the "Last Post."

The *cortege* then re-formed and passed amidst manifestations of public sorrow along the Embankment to Liverpool Street station, en route to Norwich, where the remains were finally interred.

SPAIN.

MADRID, May 1st.
Delayed.
It is officially stated that disturbances occurred here, at the close of a labour demonstration, due to the insistence of a crowd who wanted to close the shop.

A number of demonstrators tried to enter the Bank of Spain. Gendarmes drove them back. Their Colonel, five officers, and 23 gendarmes were wounded.

Four demonstrators were wounded seriously, while many others were slightly wounded.

GROUP.

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POLICE RESERVE CASE.

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JUDGE IN CHAMBERS DECIDES
FOR THE RESERVIST.

A further sum of £220 subscribed by British Residents in Canton has been remitted to London during April and May as underwritten:—

Captain Fryatt Memorial Fund £50

King's Fund for the Disabled Officers' Fund 120

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Copies of the Circular issued by the Committee with regard to War Contributions can be obtained from the Hon. Treasurer, 6/o Hongkong Bank, Canton, to whom further donations and subscriptions should be sent.

The attached is a list of the subscribers for the months of March and April.

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Rev. Geo. H. McNeur 5

A. Martin 10

H. E. Muriel 20

G. A. Peet 60

J. V. dos Remedios 10

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H. H. Sandeman 40

H. E. Senich 60

H. Staples Smith 100

J. T. Snell 20

W. Gordon Stokes 20

J. Stunts "Hongkong" 100

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SEEING THE WORLD.

MUCH TRAVELED SOUTH
AFRICAN PASSING
THROUGH.

Sergeant M. H. Miley, of the 2nd South African Infantry, a well-known Rugby player of Queenstown, South Africa, in the Colony awaiting passage to South Africa to be demobilized.

Sergeant Miley during his four years and eight months service has travelled further and seen more countries than falls to most men. He enlisted in the South African forces a few days after the outbreak of war in August 1914. From October 1914 to July 1915 he was fighting in German South-West Africa with the 1st Eastern Rifles. He next attended the South African Overseas Expeditionary Force and served on the Western Frontier in Egypt in the 2nd South African Infantry from January 1916 to May in the same year.

Sergeant Miley during his tour of duty claimed him and he was there from May 1916 to January 1918. In France he received his wound during the fighting on the Somme (1916). Direct to Mesopotamia from France was his next pilgrimage and the exigencies of the service took him to N.W. Persia, with General Dupont's Forces. Service in Mesopotamia and Persia covered January 1918 to November of the same year.

The Armentières month saw him packing for Siberia to join General Knox's Mission. Sergeant Miley arrived in Vladivostock in January 1919 and served in Siberia until last month. He has travelled all through France and Italy, visited India, Straits Settlements, China, Japan, Manchuria and Russia, and of course, South Africa and German S.W. Africa.

Sergeant Miley who is at the moment en route to South Africa from Vladivostock, good humouredly describes himself as Cook's tourist.

HONGKONG THEATRE.

"Louise Huff and Jack Pickford, the two principal roles in Charles Dickens' "Great Expectations," who created such a tremendous success in the famous Players' adaptation of Booth Tarkington's celebrated novel "Seventeen" have been starred in an adaptation of Dickens' wonderful work "Great Expectations."

Thoughts from a chronological standpoint it is quite backward step from Tarkington to Dickens, the success which these two youthful stars have had in incarnating the twentieth century author's characters on the screen justifies a prediction that they will be equally successful in interpreting the personages which the genius of Dickens has made so real.

Yesterday's show in Hongkong Theatre has proved the predicted success of these two famous stars players. Those who know Dickens' work should not miss the last opportunity of seeing "Great Expectations" to-morrow night, it being the last show.

THE POLICE RESERVE CASE.

JUDGE IN CHAMBERS DECIDES
FOR THE RESERVIST.

Mr. Franks: You were absent from patrol on Feb. 13 and on being asked the reason you replied in writing "I was much occupied with office work and could not perform my police duty." Do you remember that?

I do, sir.

Mr. Franks: A notice dated Feb. 18 was sent you, awarding—"Fine \$3 or two days' C.B. and two extra patrols, fine to be paid on 23.2.19. To be warned as to C.B. for further defaults." After a delay of over a month, you paid the \$3 fine. You were notified later by Inspector Alves of the date for the performance of the two extra patrols to which you replied:—"Your warning memo, of date to hand and I must say that I cannot and will not perform the duties detailed therein." Why did you refuse?

As I considered Inspector Alves had no authority to enforce the matter, Sir.

Mr. Franks: On what ground did you base your assumption?

According to the intimation I received, a fine of \$3 was imposed upon me as an alternative to two days' C.B. and two extra patrols. This note sent me by Inspector Alves will confirm my statement.

Mr. C. M. Alves: Put officially aside, Guimaraes, do you think a gentleman would write a letter, such as the one you wrote to Inspector Alves, to his superior?

Perhaps not, sir, but you must remember that unofficially, I was not writing to a superior.

Mr. Tape: Do I understand you to say you would have performed the extra patrols if the notice sent you had been in proper order?

Yes sir.

Mr. Franks: Then why not undertake to perform them now?

For the very reason I have stated, Mr. Sirdar Khan: Then you refuse to perform the patrols?

Yes sir.

Mr. Franks: Have you anything more to say?

No sir.

Mr. Franks: Then please retire from the room until called for, as the Board wishes to consider its decision.

When Guimaraes was recalled, Mr. Franks said: The board has decided that you are to undergo 4 days C.B. without the option of a fine, and as do not wish to affect you in your employment, you will be confined from Saturday, May 3, at 1 p.m. till Monday morning, and the same on Saturday week, do you understand?

Yes sir, I hope the board will give me time to appeal.

Mr. Franks: You have until Friday for your appeal. In the event of your appeal being unanswered by Saturday you may consider yourself free until further orders. Yes sir.

As stated above, Guimaraes concurred with the board's decision and he went to C.B.

This morning his Lordship the Chief Justice summoned Counsel in chambers on account of the attorney General's inability to attend Court, Mr. Pollock being otherwise engaged at The Executive Council, and after a few minutes, the Hon. Mr. Alabaster, Counsel for the applicant, emerged and informed the Press that his lordship had made the rule nisi absolute and discharged Guimaraes, returning his bail of \$250. Mr. Hough is liberty to apply to Court as to costs.

A CHINESE WAR WORKER.

A presentation was made in the Council Chamber this morning, in the Colonial Secretary's Office to Mr. Ng Kwan Chak, before Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher (Secretary of War Charities) and Hon. Mr. Huktaik, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, for services rendered during the war.

In presenting Mr. Ng Kwan Chak with a gold wrist-watch with an inscription on the cover, His Excellency the Governor, said that it was a pleasure to him to meet and speak to Mr. Ng today, and after finding what the latter had done during the war he felt that his self-denying work in giving up his spare time to knit various articles for His Majesty's troops, was very remarkable and it would be only right for the Government to recognise it in some way which would always remind Mr. Ng of what he had done.

Mr. Fletcher: Would you have performed the patrols if the notice sent you had fully expressed our intention?

Yes sir, although I consider the punishment meted out to me too severe, for a slight offence, considering how I sacrificed my leisure hours and also incur risks fares etc.

Inspector Alves declined to approve my claim for expenses incurred during the period I have been in the force although I attached duty lists in support of same.

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THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1919.

THE CHINA MAIL.

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Wires—
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On demand—
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On demand—
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Chinese Copper Cents ... 7 7 pm.
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Hongkong Sub-Coin ... par.

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Canton Ins. ... 8 450 n.
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FUTURE OF THE INCOME-TAX.

It is said that when Lord Brougham was a member of the House of Commons he once proposed that all records of the income-tax should be burnt or destroyed, so that posterity might never know that such a tax had existed. Apparently, the motion was not carried, though, even if it had been, financial exigencies would certainly have led some future Chancellor of the Exchequer, on the look-out for new sources of revenue, to make one more the discovery which Mr. Pitt made in 1798. Income-tax, with its companion, the super-tax, is now the sheet anchor of the national revenue. Without it the ship would speedily drive ashore and go to pieces. The more reason, therefore, why we should look carefully to the anchor and see that it is kept in good repair, and we welcome the announcement that a Royal Commission, under the chairmanship of Lord Colwyn, has just been appointed "to inquire into the income-tax in all its aspects." It is a fairly representative Commission, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer has stated that he hopes its Report will be available for the purposes of the Budget of 1920-21. That seems to indicate that in the Budget immediately forthcoming the old anomalies will continue, anomalies which were tolerable ten or twenty years ago, when the tax was small, but which have become progressively intolerable as the income-tax has risen to its present abnormal height. We fear, therefore, that when grievances are pressed, the same stereotyped reply is likely to be presented, viz., that, pending the Reports of the Royal Commission, no changes can be made. Still, we hope that, in view of the industrial situation, the Chancellor of the Exchequer will not take up too stiff an attitude of resistance. After all, it is on the industrial situation that the financial position mainly depends, and the estimates of the revenue of the coming financial year must be conditioned by the prospects of trade. Everyone who speaks with authority

says that our only chance industrially is to get trade back to its normal footing by the removal of artificial restrictions, and they all urge our captains of industry to show enterprise. But if there is to be business enterprise, the Treasury must mitigate two of its principal hindrances. There is the excess profits duty, for example, which has proved so fruitful during the war, and which is now producing more than a third of the whole revenue of the country. But it cannot be continued at anything like its present figure of 80 per cent, without disaster, and a large reduction is confidently looked for. Another hindrance to enterprise is the absurdly low rate of allowance for depreciation of machinery. This is an old grievance with British manufacturers, but it has never been honestly tackled, with the result that virtually no redress has been given, and obsolescent machinery is retained in British factories long after it ought to be scrapped. This is of first-rate consequence from the point of view of British trade enterprise and recovery, and no concession that the Chancellor of the Exchequer could make would be more certain to prove immediately remunerative than an adequate income-tax allowance for depreciation. The Treasury's traditional way of looking at this problem is utterly out of date, and the business experts in the Government who know what the needs of business are ought to make their influence felt.

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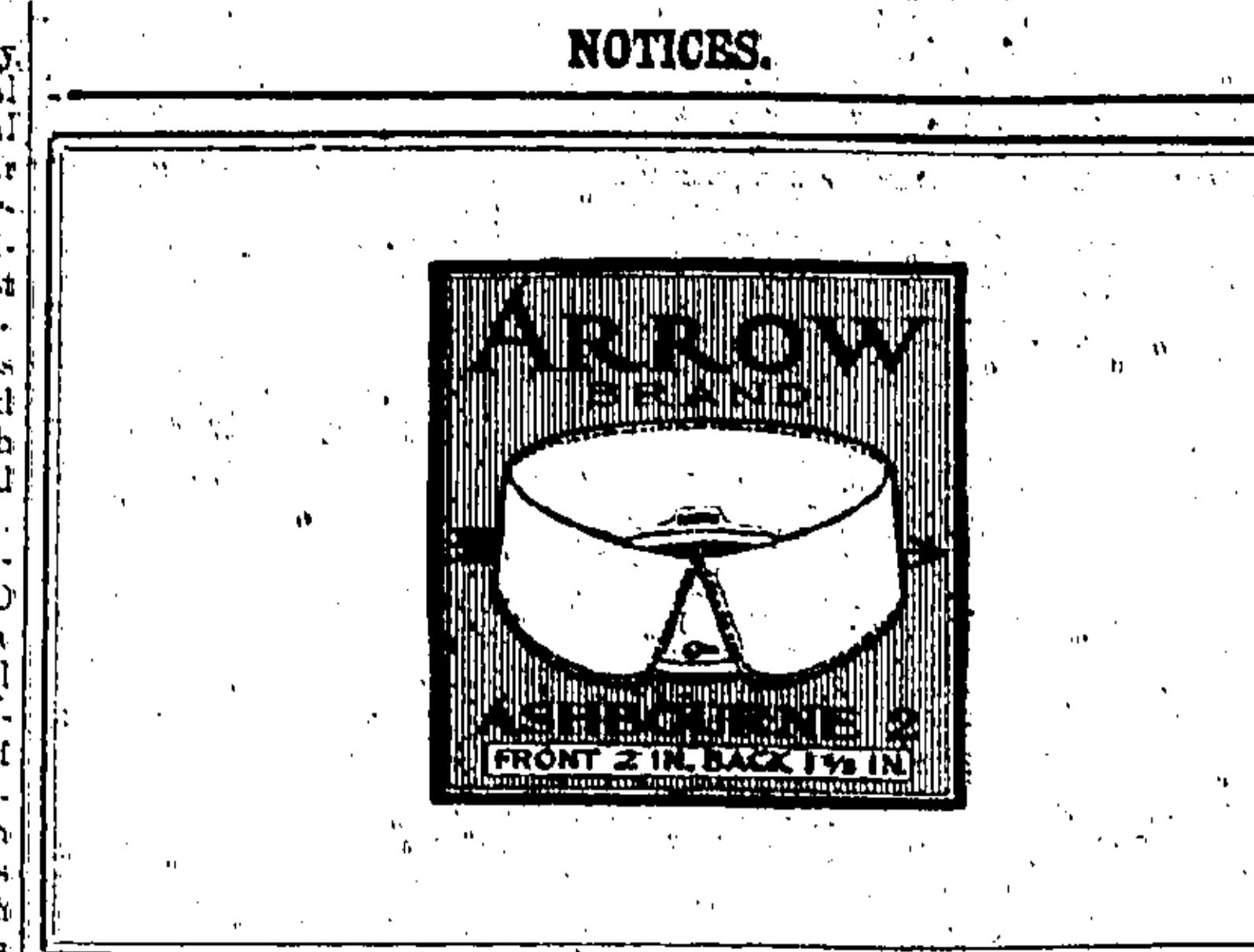
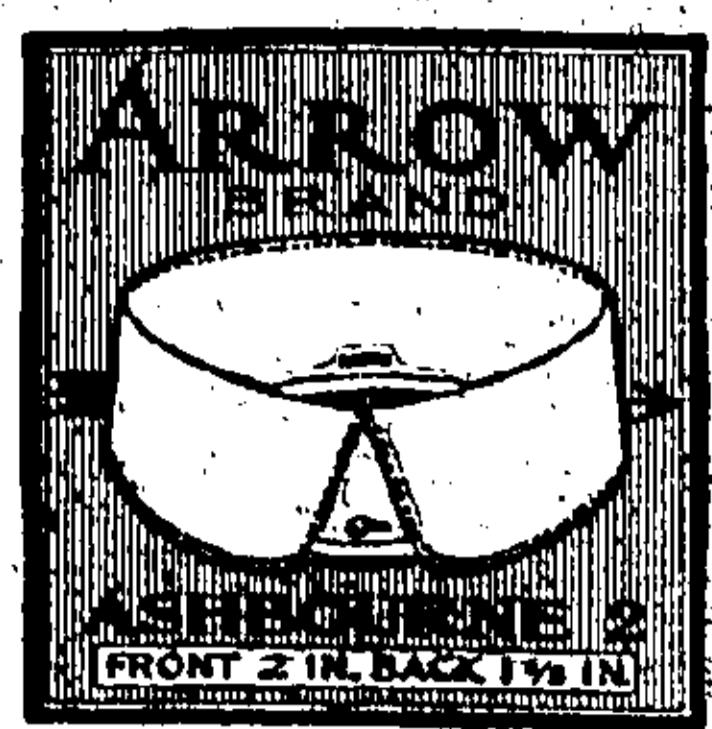
THE LATE MR. W. C. JACK.

The news of the death of Mr. W. C. Jack the engineer was literally shocking because he was so well-known by so many people and because he had been seen about so recently. He was in old hand, and had grown up professionally with the Colony. He began here as an employee of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company and later (about 14 years ago) started with a Mr. Wilks, who left the Cobay a few years ago, the well-known firm of Wilks and Jack, consulting engineers. Latterly the business was conducted in the name of W. C. Jack and Co. Ltd.

As a Scotsman he took a keen interest in the working of St. Andrew's Society, taking his turn as president, and being a strong member of the committee. The Engineers' Institute seems to have been his chief post, however. He was elected its President in 1904, read many papers before its members (one an important treatise on the relative cost of shipbuilding here and at Home) and by offering medals tried to induce other members to contribute to the general stock of knowledge. As an engineer he was counted a good one. All good engineers are not Scots (his partner Wilks was Welsh), but all Scots engineers are good. Mr. Jack was a Scots engineer with English training. William Charles Jack "served his time" at Sunderland as a marine engineer, and went to sea from Newcastle in 1870 from Wigton Richardson. He was a "chief" by 1882, and in 1887 became Engineer-in-Chief to a Tonkin fleet of river steamers, most of which he built. The French gave him the Order of the Imperial Dragon of Annam as extra recognition of eleven years' good work, and in 1898 he came here as Superintendent Engineer for the H. and W. Dock Company as stated. It was as the Company's representative that he contracted for the salvaging of the Spanish warships in Manila Bay. Three of them were refloated and refitted here. From 1901 to 1908 he was Assistant Manager of the Kowloon yard. In 1905 he associated himself with Sir Paul Chater in the contract for the salvaging of the French cruiser Sully, wrecked in the Gulf of Tonkin. A typhoon destroyed that job.

Mr. Jack, who was born at Port soy in 1857 (which makes him 82) reared a large family at Kowloon.

NOTICES.



POST OFFICE.

Allied soldiers in the various hospitals in Siberia are badly in need of reading matter. Any books, newspapers, etc. for their use handed in at the G.O. will be packed and forwarded to them free.

The parcel post service to Cuba is suspended.

It is notified that all restrictions as to the use of wireless Telegraphy by Merchant Vessels on the China Station have been abolished.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

No unofficial letter addressed to Abdan, Ahmar or Mohammad in the Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in weight.

The insured letter and insured parcel services between Egypt (on transit through Egypt) and Cyprus are temporarily suspended.

Uninsured parcels for the United Kingdom will in future be forwarded from Hongkong in bags and the Public are therefore advised to pack such parcels very carefully.

Until further notice parcels for civil addresses in the provinces of Unina, Vicenza, Treviso Padua, Venice and Belluno in Italy will not be accepted for transmission unless posted under the British War Office Permit.

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Registered and Parcel Mails close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

In the case of Mails closing before 5 a.m. Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

INWARD MAIL.

SUNDAY, May 25. Europe via Nagasaki—Per BEN-OLIBUCH.

OUTWARD MAIL.

FRIDAY, May 23. Amoy and Straits—Per WOLLORA, 8 a.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO—Per SHINYO MARU. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per QUINNIBAUG, 11 a.m.

Japan via Kobe, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE via CANADA—Per CYCLOPS. Registration 11.45 a.m. Letters 12.30 p.m.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per TANGOMARU, 1 p.m.

Japan via Kobe—Per KUMSANG, 4 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per HOPSONG, 5 p.m.

Tientsin—Per CHEONGSHING, 6 p.m.

Hofnou—Per CHUEN, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, May 24.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Bombay, Aden and Egypt—Per DILWARA. Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt and EUROPE via SUEZ—Per LYACON. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per KWANTO MARU, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, May 26.

The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, May 23, at 5 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per YINGCHOW, Noon.

SUNDAY, May 25.

Shanghai and North China—Per KIULANGUS, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow in Keelung—Per AMAKUSA MARU, 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, May 27.

Shanghai and North China—Per TEAN, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAITAN, 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, May 28.

Swatow and Straits—Per CHENGTU, 11 a.m.

Weihsien, Cheso, and Tientsin—Per HUICHOUP, 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, May 29.

Shanghai and North China—Per SUNNING, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAIHONG, 1 p.m.

FRIDAY, May 30.

Shanghai, and North China—Per KAIKONG, 11 a.m.

MONDAY, May 31.

Shanghai and North China—Per KWANGSE, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, June 1.

Syntow and Bangkok—Per LUCHOW, 9 a.m.

Philippines Islands—Per TAMING, 9 a.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt and EUROPE via SUEZ—Per MENTOR. Noon.

The Parcel Mail will be closed on Monday, June 2, at 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, June 3.

Syntow and Bangkok—Per LUCHOW, 9 a.m.

Philippines Islands—Per TAMING, 9 a.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt and EUROPE via SUEZ—Per MENTOR. Noon.

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KWANG TAH, Brit. 1,538 tons, from Shanghai, Capt. Charles Stewart, C.M.N.C. Co., What.

HANYANG, Brit. 1,207 tons, from Canton, Capt. C. N. Pucket, B. & S. O.L.

YENZAN MARU, No. 2, 1,056 tons, from Dairen, Capt. Yonechubo, X.

SATO, C.I.C. 900 tons, from Rangoon, Capt. J. P. de Br. A.P. Co.

SWATOW, Amoy and Foochow in Keelung—Per AMAKUSA MARU, 9 a.m.

KWANTO MARU, Jap. 870 tons, from Canton Capt. S. Ogawa, Kuhara, C24.

WOLLORA, Brit. 1,678 tons, from Singapore, Capt. Pritchard, Moller & Co. B.I.D.

NAM WO, Chi. 518 tons, from Canton, Capt. Alkuhi, Kwong Hing, 4.40.

YUNNAN, Brit. 1,268 tons, from Swatow, Capt. Evans, B. & S., Taikoo Dock.

MONDAY, May 22.

SHANGHAI, French, Noon, for Haiphong, Lepique.

KWANG TAH, Chi. 12 p.m., for Canton, C.M.S.N. Co.

HANYANG, Brit. 2 p.m., for Wuhu, B. & S.

KWANTO MARU, Jap. 2 p.m., for Hai-phong via Pakho, B. & S.

KIYOMARU, Jap. noon, for Ke